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Mayor

SEPTEMBER 11TH MESSAGE: HARTFORD REMEMBERS

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(September 11, 2006)--- **A 9/11 message from Hartford Mayor Eddie A. Perez:**

“Hartford remembers this tragic day five years ago and Hartford, as does the rest of the nation, still mourns the lives lost. It was a day, very much like today, with the sun shining in a crystal blue sky, when the unthinkable happened, not just once, but four times. Planes were hijacked; buildings crumbled and loved ones perished. Yet from the ruined lives and the rubble, Americans rose to the challenge.

From Hartford, came an outpouring of love, support, money, blood donations, firefighters and equipment sent to those most in need. What we received in return was a stronger resolve. Five years later, the Capital City remains vigilant but today, our hearts are once again heavy. We as one of the oldest communities of this great nation vow to always remember this day, never forget those who we lost--- those who ventured into burning buildings knowing they faced certain death, and those who died overpowering hijackers-- - all for the love of country, freedom, and family.

So, when the bells toll today, and the names of those who died are read, please reflect, remember and be resolved that this day in history not be repeated.”

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